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### *Welcome to 2008 at Ormiston Christian Faith Church!*

This morning we welcome once again Pastor Peter and Ann Sutcliffe to our fellowship. We enjoyed the inspiring teaching presented by Peter last year, and we look forward to growing more through his ministry this year! Sets of CDs including all of Peter's messages from 2007 will be available early this year.

Peter is soon to travel to the Philippines where he will continue his studies in Theology, and will be back with us in early April.

### Opportunities and Challenges in 2008

The new year presents opportunities and challenges in equal measure. Reflecting on the year 2007, a major change was commenced in the way our church runs and in how we see ourselves in the context of our vision and our impact on our community. Not only was it a time of transition for the church, but the changes also occurred within a larger transition as people moved in (and sometimes out) of the church. *Thanks for being here!*

It is quite apparent that in recent times many Christians are turning to the larger types of churches for a place to attend. Many of these churches are event-driven, and cater for all types of age groups and needs through a host of programs. As a result many smaller churches (like us) are finding it difficult to attract and retain new members.

The good news is that we trust the Lord and believe that we are called to be here in the Redlands! We also know that nothing is impossible for our God! My belief in who we are and what we are to achieve for the Lord is based solely on a reliance upon God to do as He pleases.

I believe that when God pours out His Spirit upon our church people will be drawn to us in great numbers. Our job right now is to get ready for them.

If we continue to believe and pray, and begin to move our ministry into the marketplace (outside the walls!), and expect to see the supernatural power of God in action as we step out on God's word, we will see what we have been praying about start to break out. When it does, the signs and wonders of God will astound many—even those in Christian circles.

The opportunities are ripe; the challenge is to begin to take hold of these opportunities and dare to start doing what we believe we can! - **Paul Barfoot**

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## Ormiston Christian Faith Church Our Mission & Vision Statement

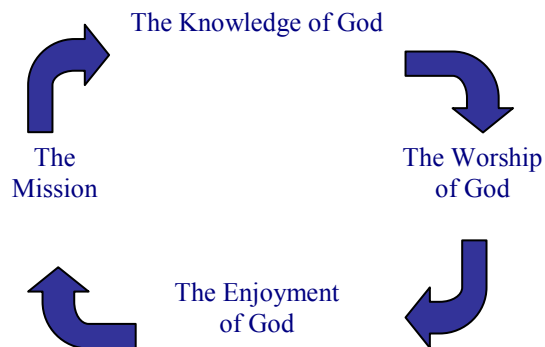
We see our church as having a mission *or being missional*, and as the use of the verb implies, this has as much to do with our actions as it does with how we see ourselves and what we call ourselves.

The historic understanding of “being missional” revolved around a “mission station” philosophy—pretty much go out into the mission field and teach them to be like you! Change them into what you think they should look and act like in order for them to get “saved”. This “lifeboat” mentality just won’t wash in our world today.

The answer, and our vision, is to be people who take the power and glory of God with us wherever we are. When we extend our hand, it is the hand of God. When we speak into people’s lives, it’s the voice of God. When we wrap our arms around someone who is hurting, it is the embrace of God!

We are a people who live in the revelation knowledge of God—Holy Spirit-led revolutionaries who are able to bring the living God with us into any situation we encounter. Our ministry is everywhere, and we gather on Sunday’s to celebrate and spend time together in the worship of our God and in the study of His Word. We are ordinary people who believe in an extra-ordinary God!

We maintain our missional approach through the knowledge of God that leads us to the worship of God. Worshipping God brings us to a place where we enjoy God’s presence. As a result, we want to serve the Lord with all our hearts, and that leads us into embracing the mission of God, or *being missional!*



*Wherever we are, the King is there!*

*Whenever we speak, the word of the King is there!*

*Whenever we heal in Jesus’ name, the healing is there!*

*This is our mission, and our vision is to do the mission!*

Saul’s conversion on the road to Damascus resolved a conflict in him that had been intense. Witnessing the glory of God on the martyr Stephen’s face created an inner conflict that he was unable to consciously resolve. Every time Saul arrested, imprisoned or killed believers in Christ he hurt himself deeply within. His zealous persecution contradicted an inner conviction—one that surfaced only when the blazing light of Christ knocked him face-down on the Damascus Road. “Who are you, Lord?” he asked. “I am Jesus”, came the answer, “and it is hard for you to kick against the goads” (it is difficult for you to resist when doing so hurts you so deeply).

Many years later Saul became an apostle when set apart prophetically by the Spirit of God and sent out after fasting and the laying on of hands. This commissioning took place at Antioch. Until then Saul was “also called Paul” (Acts 13:9), but thereafter was known only by his Roman name. Did Paul have inner conflicts? Of course! “For I am in a strait (tight squeeze) between two, having a desire to depart (die) and to be with Christ; which is far better: nevertheless to abide in the flesh (continue to live) is more needful for you.” (Philippians 1:23)

Paul resolved his greatest conflict, the conflict between his Jewish heritage and his call to the Gentiles, by counting “all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord” and by pressing on toward “the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus”. To do this Paul focused on one thing and one thing only: forgetting the things that were behind him and stretching out—like a runner—toward the finishing line and the things that were ahead. (Philippians 3:8)  
A good way to begin every New Year. - **Pastor Peter Barfoot**



## Mighty Kid’s Church @ Ormiston CFC

Our Mighty Kid’s Church is set for another great year of ministry to our next generation of leaders and earth shakers!

Christy Carey will again be leading the MKC and is ably assisted by Laura Wassenberg. We are believing for another year of solid Christian foundational teaching for our children.

Christy has a bachelors degree in teaching and a graduate diploma in TESOL.

See Christy for more information.

## NEW YEAR CONFLICT RESOLUTION

The beginning of each New Year brings with it a desire for an end to the conflicts of the past year, especially those that can rob the New Year of its promise right from the start. Most of us would benefit from at least some conflict resolution.

But not the kind that Moses, the prince of Egypt, attempted while visiting his suffering Hebrew kinsmen. Seeing an Egyptian mistreating one of them, he intervened, killing the Egyptian. In so doing he symbolically slew his Egyptian persona as the adopted son of Pharaoh's daughter and disclosed his Hebrew identity. As Pharaoh's grandson Moses wielded considerable power, but as the self-revealed son of a Hebrew slave he faced certain death if the news got out. That's why he "looked this way and that way" and seeing no witnesses to the act, buried the body in the sand. (Exodus 2:11-14)

"He supposed that his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them..." (Acts 7:25) Moses' attempt to resolve the conflict between an Egyptian and a Hebrew was a disaster! But as though that were not bad enough, returning the next day he saw two Hebrews fighting! Again Moses sought to resolve the conflict, saying, "Men, you are brethren — why do you wrong one another?"

To his horror, the one who did his neighbour wrong pushed Moses away, saying, "Who made you a ruler and a judge over us? Will you kill me, as you did the Egyptian yesterday?" Knowing that the news must soon reach Pharaoh's ears Moses fled the land of Egypt for the land of Midian (where his first act was to resolve a small conflict with threatened violence). Forty years later Moses came to understand that it was God's mighty hand that would deliver the children of Israel from their bondage, by which time Moses was humble enough for God to use.

Moses' two attempts at conflict resolution are informative. We learn from them that the toughest conflict we are likely to face is not between opposites (the Egyptian and the Hebrew) but between those who are alike (the two Hebrews). This realisation must have shocked the would-be deliverer Moses to the core.

Most conflict we experience is not between our 'Egyptian' past (to use the biblical analogy of Egypt as bondage) but between believers who are of like faith but who are not like-minded. The church at Corinth was torn by ministry-based factions: "I am of Paul; I am of Apollos; I am of Cephas (Peter)." Paul's question to them was, "Is Christ divided?"

Then there are the inner conflicts as to whether the God who saved us actually cares enough to be our loving Father; and the question of how to "work out" our salvation while at the same time knowing that God is "working in" us both to will and to do His good pleasure" (Philippians. 2:12,13), a conflict that increases with commitment.

## The Leadership Team | Ormiston Christian Faith Church

Paul & Sally Barfoot became the pastors of Ormiston Christian Faith Church in 2007. Paul has pastored a group of churches in the Philippines, and is now the senior minister and pastor of Ormiston CFC. Sally is our church's worship leader.



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Pastors Peter and Lorraine Barfoot are the founders of Ormiston Christian Faith Church, and they continue in the role of advisors,. Both remain an integral part of the life and ministry of the church. Lorraine continues to be the church's Registered Marriage Celebrant.

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## The Eldership and Ministry Team

Tony & Desley Ingram—Elders  
Ray and Deborah Wassenberg—Elders  
Christy Carey B.A. Dip. Ed, Cert. TESOL—Mighty Kid's Church Leader (MKC)

While the above persons are the guiding elders of the church, we recognize that each of our members has a gift to minister (1 Peter 4:10-11).

Our church is a dynamic spiritual body, in which every member is valued and irreplaceable.

Searching for a friendly, bible-based church with vision to touch the lives of people in the 21st century? Welcome!



Thanks to Charles Dunleavy (See 1Samuel 17)  
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, DAVID? ... HE'S GOT CHEERLEADERS!

# January 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Peter Sutcliffe
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Paul Barfoot
14	15 Bible Study Anderson's home	16	17	18	19	20 Graham and Lilla Lucas
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Peter Barfoot
28	29 Bible Study Anderson's home	30	31			<b>Coming Soon:</b> Tony Ingram

Things to remember:

## Church Goals for 2008

### Kitchen upgrade:

We plan to price the purchase and installation of a new kitchen for the downstairs functions room. With our frequent fellowship lunches, our old kitchen is feeling a bit restricted and out of date. More information in future newsletters.

### Building maintenance:

As our building ages there are a number of maintenance issues to be addressed. These include fixing gutters, completing downstairs toilet facilities, cleaning external walls, and plumbing issues in the toilets.

We also plan to (eventually) put in a rainwater tank to catch some of the excellent rain we receive on this wonderful property.

All of this is to help us prepare for the arrival of new people in our church!

### Visiting Ministry:

Evangelists Graham and Lilla Lucas will be with us on **Sunday 20th January** and will minister to the sick in both meetings. Graham has ministered widely in Australia, Africa and Asia. This coming week gives us an opportunity to spread the news to those around us that Jesus still heals! We have placed ads in a local newspaper. Let's believe God for miracles of healing!



### Ormiston CFC Media production:

We recognize that we have some excellent teaching ministry in our church. We want to be able to package these messages and make them available to those inside the church and to others we meet out in our everyday life.

We are expecting to have our podcasting capability working from our web site in early 2008.

